



CSZ Embarks on Major Fundraising: Capital Campaign – Phase II and Fund for the Future

In this year of our congregation's 25th anniversary, CSZ is launching a major fundraising effort: a two-part campaign that will provide the financial strength our community requires for the coming years. Our overall goal is to raise \$750,000, which will enable us to do three important things: pay off our remaining mortgage obligations, create a fund for the needed repairs and improvements to our building, and maintain the level of staff and programming that keeps us vibrant, strong and continually attractive to new members.

In this campaign, every member of Sha'ar Zahav will be called and asked to make a significant pledge, above and beyond his/her dues and usual tzedakah to the shul. As a community, it is our tradition that we do not rely on the generosity of only a select few; we ask everyone to play a part.

Newer members will be asked to pledge to the Capital Campaign Phase II, so that we can raise the additional funds we need to pay off our mortgage loans and properly maintain and improve our building. The initial capital campaign raised \$1.7 million in pledges, more than 80% of the total needed, but we always knew we would need the pledges of future members to fully support our wonderful home. We are grateful to our members and friends whose generosity made Mishkan Dolores possible, and we hope that our newer members will be equally generous in enabling us to complete the work of financing and building our home.

Other members, including those who pledged to the initial Mishkan Campaign, will be asked to extend their generosity with a multi-year pledge to CSZ's Fund for the Future. This fund will enable us to support the level of staff, programming and education that makes CSZ such a vibrant community. Today, our current level of dues and donations are not sufficient for a balanced budget. Increased membership over the next several years will be an important part of strengthening our financial position. But as we grow, we need to ensure that we have the resources today to fund all the aspects of our community that make us strong: our worship services, our school, our programming. By making a major pledge to CSZ's Fund for the Future, you can enable us to begin the next 25 years with a strong financial base.

We are happy to report that in the course of a single weekend, the leadership of the congregation made pledges to these two campaigns totaling over \$110,000! What an exciting start! We hope you will join us in the coming months, through the High Holiday season and the November celebration of our 25th anniversary, with your pledge. Only with the generosity of all our members will we be able to reach our \$750,000 goal, and ensure the financial strength of our community for years to come.

Help Build CSZ's Sukkah

Have you ever built a sukkah? Would you like to? To join other CSZers in practicing the mitzvah of sukkah building, contact Melanie Kushnir (415/861-6932 ext. 305 or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org).

Annual Cemetery Visit

An important custom during the High Holiday period is to visit the graves of our loved ones, in order to remember their lives and to gain inspiration for our own life. As in past years, the Cemetery Committee will lead a service and provide a repast at the Sha'ar Zahav section of Hills of Eternity Cemetery on Sunday, September 15 at 10 am. For directions or more information, contact the CSZ office at 415/861-6932.

New Time for Friday Night Services

Starting October 4th, for a six month trial period, all Friday night services at CSZ will start at 7:30 pm.

Please see President's Column (pg.3) for more information.

Introductory Memberships Now Available



Thinking of becoming a member? Join now and take advantage of first-year reduced rate dues. Limited to new members only—please call the office for details.

High Holiday Services

Erev Rosh Hashanah
First Day Rosh Hashanah
Rosh Hashana Family Service
Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Kol Nidre
Yom Kippur
Yom Kippur Family Service
Sukkot
Simchat Torah

Friday, September 6, 7:30 pm
Saturday, September 7, 9 am*
Saturday, September 7, 9:15 am
Sunday, September 8, 9:30 am
Sunday, September 15, 7:30 pm
Monday, September 16, 9:30 am
Monday, September 16, 9:45 am
Friday, September 20, 8:15 pm
Friday, September 27, 7:30 pm

*please note earlier time

What's Your Jewish Tipping Point?

By Rabbi Camille Shira Angel



It's not often that I read a book selected from the business and management section of the bookstore. But, thanks to an excellent recommendation, I found *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell to have

remarkable implications for our religious lives. Subtitled *How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*, the book professes no religious philosophy or intent, yet the ideas that shape its foundation lend themselves beautifully to the application of our everyday lives.

Here rests the underlying theme of *The Tipping Point*—we don't have to do colossal things—we can effect as much change and exert as much influence by doing little things. As long as we choose them wisely and well, they can be tipping points in our lives.

Here's an example from the book: Hush Puppies, a type of suede shoe that gained popularity in the 60s, had definitely lost its following by the 90s. By 1994, sales were down to 30,000 pairs a year. As sales dropped and the shoes became available only in a small number of stores, some kids wore them simply because they were affordable. These kids were seen by others, judged to be "hip" and "with it" and suddenly sales skyrocketed. By 1996, sales had increased to nearly two million. Those in the know called it the "Hush Puppy Virus," as a few well-placed "Puppy wearers" set the trend in motion.

Here's an example that happens in our Sha'ar Zahav community from time to time: A parent dies and the adult child has the responsibility and the opportunity to figure out how best to fulfill the mitzvah kibud av'v'im. He takes upon himself the religious practice of Kaddish, the Mourner's Prayer and commits to reciting it once a week on Shabbat for a year. The one minute, once-a-week experience has sparked an intensity for his father, for Judaism and Jewish life that has opened up new ways of relating to others and to his own identity as a Jew. This has been a Jewish tipping point in his life.

Perhaps you have not found your Jewish tipping point yet, the little action that puts you over the edge and kindles your desire for Judaism. There are so many ways to begin, to start the ball rolling. Imagine beginning, this coming week, one Jewish ritual. Try something small that you haven't done before. For example, say havdalah for three minutes on Saturday night, or light Shabbat candles, a 20-second investment, once a week. Naturally, any small step toward Jewish commitment can work here, be it saying the Sh'ema each night, blessing your family on Friday evening or even making the promise to put loose change into the tzedakah box once a week.

Think of what might be the eventual impact in the life of a Jew who said, "I want to do something Jewish this year and I am willing to commit 20 seconds of my time every week. I promise I will, without fail, light Shabbat candles every Friday night." What do you think the consequences of that action might be?

The real question is, do we wait for tipping points to happen or do we consciously bring them about? As we enter into this season of renewal, we need to think about the conscious choices we make.

Which choices might we make that require a minimum investment of time and energy, yet yield a major payoff in terms of our spiritual growth and well-being?

Mr. Gladwell's book is a technical manual, but its lessons are clear. We are not the random products of chance. Although our environment influences us, surroundings as well as people, we also have the opportunity to exert influence of our own. Our actions have the power to change lives, ours as well as others. We are in control of our lives.

During this period of the High Holidays, perhaps there is no lesson as important as this one. With just the slightest push, we can tip the balance of life in any direction we wish.

May this season of renewal be full of opportunities for you and your loved ones.

L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu!

May you be written down in the Book of Life for a year of peace and fulfillment!



Chesir-Stein Musical Weekend

The weekend of June 21-23 was a very special one at Sha'ar Zahav. To celebrate having reached the august age of 60, Daniel Chesir and David Stein sponsored a wonderful musical extravaganza that featured Cantor (and former CSZ member) Jonathan Comisar. He was joined by Sha'ar Zahav instrumentalists and vocalists who presented Jonathan's original compositions, as well as standard liturgical music during Friday night and Saturday morning services. Jonathan also taught a fascinating and informative class on the history of Jewish music.

The weekend was truly an uplifting experience, and one that reflected our community's special gifts. Perhaps one of the most special gifts was that all of the weekend's expenses were underwritten by the birthday boys. As a result of their generosity, the \$7,000 in donations made in honor of David and Daniel will seed future musical events at the synagogue. Todah rabah!



Va'ad Members Begin Their Year Together

In July, new and returning Va'ad members began their work together. This year's new members include Treasurer Gail Ludwig (the only new officer this year), Ron Edelman (finishing Ben Bank's term) and Marianne Balin, Leslie Kane and Karen Schiller, all beginning three-year terms.

Returning as officers are President Lisa Katz, Vice President Arthur Slepian, Vice President Jeffrey Sherman and Recorder Ray Bernstein. Returning at-large members are David Gellman (ex officio), Nancy Kates, Laura Lowe, Ron Miguel, Drew Parker-Rose and Howard Steiermann.

The President's Column

The (Friday Night Service) Times They are A Changing

By Lisa Katz



Friday night Shabbat Services at Sha'ar Zahav have started at 8:15 pm for as long as anyone can remember. Starting in October, (Friday night, October 4, to be exact) that will

change. On an experimental basis, we will begin services at 7:30 pm every Friday night.

A number of different groups within the congregation have been requesting some kind of change. There is a growing movement within Reform Judaism to have an earlier Shabbat service, in order to support a more family-oriented Shabbat at home after services. Many older members of our congregation would like services to end earlier in order to go home earlier. Many families with children would like an earlier service, so that children can attend.

We also recognize that there are many within the Congregation who are perfectly content with the service times remaining the same. Friday night at CSZ is well-attended, and the evening service and Oneg play an important ritual and community role in the lives of many of our members. For many members, CSZ is their family on Shabbat. We hope that will not change, but we recognize that the new time may be more difficult for some members. People who work and or live outside of San Francisco may find that the new service time makes it harder for them to arrive on time. People who want to go out dancing after services may find that an earlier ending time leaves them with too much time on their hands after services. Some parents of young children may find that 7:30 start time is not early enough.

This change in service time is an experiment. We are trying to accommodate the needs of a large number of our members

without creating a hardship for another large number of our members. Please let us know how this change affects your enjoyment of services.

The Va'ad will be reviewing this change at our February meeting. All members of the Congregation are welcome to attend that meeting or simply to contact a member of the Va'ad to let us know your thoughts and feelings and have those made part of the discussion. At the February Va'ad meeting, we will put forward a proposal to be voted on by the entire Congregation at the next Congregational meeting in May.

There is an additional change which will be coming in October. In an attempt to better integrate families with children with families without children, we will begin offering childcare at all Friday night Shabbat services. Look for future announcements for the details.

ED Search Continues

CSZ's Personnel Committee has begun the search for an executive director. The ad below was placed in a variety of publications, including The Jewish Bulletin of Northern California. If you know of a good candidate, please pass along this information. We'll keep you updated as the process continues.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, a dynamic Reform congregation with special outreach to the LGBT community, seeks an Executive Director to work in partnership with the rabbi, Va'ad (board of directors), staff and membership to further the mission and activities of our Kehila Kedusha.

Responsibilities include financial and facilities management, staff supervision, planning, development, membership recruitment and coordination of programs and activities. Requirements include a B.A. in nonprofit administration or related field; advanced degree preferred.

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- Five years senior management experience in a nonprofit environment
- Sufficient Jewish knowledge to direct Synagogue activities
- Strong Leadership ability
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An Update From the Long-Range Planning Committee

By Arthur Slepian and Claudia Bernard, co-chairs,
Long Range Planning Committee

The Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee continues to grapple with questions of growth and change at CSZ. At the Congregational Advance and Leadership Advance, participants and leadership discussed the need for, and importance of, future growth at CSZ. Participants then discussed their hopes and concerns about the future of CSZ in six key areas:

- LGBT Identity
- Worship and Ritual
- Haimishness
- Youth Education
- Lay Leadership / Professional Staff
- Class and Politics

In each of these areas, participants expressed a wide range of viewpoints and concerns. In several areas, the conversations that were begun at the Congregational Advance were continued and deepened at the Leadership Advance. The committee has been processing and summarizing all the input we have received and we will be developing some communication pieces to share with you what we have learned.

The next step in the process will be a series of smaller discussion / focus groups held during the months following High Holidays. Look for announcements in the next issue of the Forward and the CSZ weekly emails. We hope you will all choose to participate in some way as our process moves forward. (See the box below for the summary of our planning calendar for the upcoming year.)

Long-Range Planning Committee Overview of Process and Planning Calendar

Phase 1 – Committee Formation/Issues Clarification/Process Development

- February 2002 through present

Phase 2 – Data Gathering (LRP Committee)

- April 2002 – ongoing

Phase 3 – Initial Dialogue Sessions

- May 5 – Va'ad and Planning Committee
- June 1-2 – Congregational Advance
- August 3-4 – Leadership Advance

Phase 4 – LRP Committee Develops Summary and Analysis of Initial Input and Data

- June 2002 thru September 2002

Phase 5 – Dialogue Sessions Part 2 — Small Focus Groups

- September 2002 thru November 2002

Phase 6 – LRP Committee Develops Preliminary Plan Outline

- December 2002 – February 2003

Phase 7 – Dialogue Sessions Part 3 — Open Meetings

- January 2003 – February 2003

Phase 8 – LRP Committee Finalizes Plan Proposal

- March 2003

Phase 9 – Committee Report to Va'ad and Congregation

- April 2003 – May 2003
- May 2003 – Report at Congregational Meeting



Hold the Date for CSZ's 25th Anniversary Party

We held a ritual observance of CSZ's 25th anniversary on May 31, during Shabbat services. In November, we'll continue celebrating with a variety of fun events, culminating in a grand party on the evening of Saturday, November 16. More details will follow, but mark the date in your calendar now!

In Search of Peace and Security: The Reform Movement's National Teach-in on Israel

Sunday, October 6, 12-3 pm

Sha'ar Zahav joins more than 200 congregations around North America in a day of learning and dialogue about the plurality of views and visions that American Jews have toward Israel. As the violence rages, as the terror continues, and as casualties mount on both sides, North American Jews are both deeply concerned about Israel's plight and perplexed by the complicated and seemingly insoluble problems that Israel faces. Nonetheless, the Reform Movement, committed to the Jewish people and dedicated to Israel's well being, looks to the future and maintains the belief that a peaceful and just resolution to this conflict can be found. The teach-in is a project of "Seeking Peace, Pursuing Justice," a program of the UAHC dedicated to educating the Reform movement around the issues that Israel faces in her pursuit of peace, security, and social justice.

Bring your own brown bag lunch; drinks and dessert provided. Co-sponsored by the Israel Committee and the Adult Education Committee.

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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain her or his number from the synagogue office.

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From the JEWISH TOOL KIT

Introducing a new JGF column, "From the Jewish Tool Kit," which will share interesting and useful little tidbits about Shabbat and holidays, Hebrew language, liturgy, Jewish history and other areas of Jewish life. First up...

From the High Holiday Tool Kit

- ◆ The Hebrew phrase for "High Holidays" is Yamim Nora'im – Days of Awe.
- ◆ Teshuvah, repentance, the main theme of the Yamim Nora'im, comes from the Hebrew verb shuv —return. The act of repentance is seen by the tradition as an active return to God.
- ◆ The ten days from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur are called aseret yamay teshuvah, the ten days of repentance, a period of intense spiritual self-examination, reconciliation and renewal.
- ◆ In the Torah, the festival we now call Rosh Hashanah is referred to as Yom Teruah (Day of Sounding the Shofar) and Yom HaZikaron (Day of Remembrance).
- ◆ The shofar is made of a ram's horn, which is a reminder of the ram that Abraham substituted for Isaac. It may also be made from other kosher animals (those with horns, anyway), but not from the horn of a cow, because that animal is a reminder of the sin of the golden calf.
- ◆ The shofar is used throughout biblical history as a signal for important festivals, proclamations and other communal events. Rabbinic literature offers many explanations for sounding the shofar on the Yamim Norai'm: a call to examine our deeds and present our souls for judgment before God; an expression of hope for forgiveness and salvation; a reminder of God's sovereignty and an expression of praise and awe, to name a few.
- ◆ A common greeting before and during Rosh Hashanah is L'shanah tovah tikateivu v'tchataymu ("May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year"). Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur the common greeting is G'mar chatimah tovah ("May the final seal be for good").
- ◆ There is a tradition not to take a nap during the day of Rosh Hashanah, so as not to let sleepiness and inaction set the tone for the rest of the year.
- ◆ To focus our hearts and minds on the task of repentance and atonement on Yom Kippur, we are commanded to "afflict our souls," overcome our physical drives and refrain from pleasurable activity. We achieve this by abstaining from eating and drinking, bathing, anointing the body (with oils or perfumes), wearing leather shoes (leather shoes were considered a sign of material wealth and comfort) and sexual relations.
- ◆ Although a tallit is usually worn only during morning services, on Yom Kippur a tallit is worn for all services, morning, afternoon and evening. Some people also wear a kittel — a white robe, which is also used as a burial shroud — through all Yom Kippur services. The white burial shroud is a symbol of purity and of the equality of all people before God.
- ◆ The Talmud states that "Yom Kippur atones for transgressions against God, but does not atone for transgression of one human being against another unless we have made peace with one another." Tradition teaches that the entire month of Elul, preceding Rosh Hashanah, and the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, is a time when we make an extra effort to correct any wrongs that we've committed against our fellow person that we have not yet been able to resolve. Equally important is granting forgiveness to those who sincerely seek it from us.

Social Action Update

By Craig Persiko

• On September 20, the Friday night Shabbat service will be focused on Social Action and our Sukkat Shalom. Services will be lead by Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and Sarita Groisser, and AJ Turpen (one of our co-chairs) will be giving the drash. The service will feature special liturgy highlighting Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's commitment to social justice in 5763.

• We're continuing our involvement with Most Holy Redeemer's Wednesday Night Suppers with guests who are homeless, but we're switching to the third Wednesday of the month. So please join us on September 18 between 5 and 9 pm for dinner and a movie. Feel free to arrive late or leave early, and kids are welcome. Come to Ellard Hall (downstairs from the worship space at Most Holy Redeemer, 100 Diamond Street at 18th). RSVP to Craig Persiko (craig@redcottage.com or 415/ 701-0733).

• Join us on Friday, September 13 at 1 pm for a fun afternoon of serving lunch and schmoozing with Jewish seniors in the Tenderloin. This will be the program's first lunch of the Jewish New Year, celebrating both Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah. Start the year off with a mitzvah and sign up today! Please RSVP to Allan Berenstein (415/863-8033) SFDaytimer@aol.com).

We are planning to add some more focus to our projects and we will be asking you to pledge some time to help us with them. You'll hear more about this soon.

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September 2002 — Elul 5762 / Tishri 5763

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1	24 Elul	2	Labor Day 25 Elul	3	26 Elul	4	
•10 am Baby Havurah at the home of Virginia Donahue and Mark Klaiman		OFFICE CLOSED					
8	Rosh Hashana 2 Tishrei	9	3 Tishrei	10	4 Tishrei	11	
• 9:30 am Rosh Hashana Services at CSZ		• 7 pm JGF Layout				• 6:30 pm Building o Meeting	
15	Erev Yom Kippur 9 Tishrei	16	10 Tishrei	17	11 Tishrei	18	
Cemetery Visit • 7:30 pm Kol Nidre Services at Herbst Theatre		Yom Kippur OFFICE CLOSED • 9:30 am Yom Kippur Services at Herbst Theatre		• 4 pm East Bay Kadimah		• 4 pm Kad • 5-9 pm Al Ac for Hom	
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•10 am Baby Havurah at the home of Sue Bojdak and Deb Yates				• 4 pm East Bay Kadimah		• 4 pm Kad	
29	23 Tishrei	30	24 Tishrei	<div>OCTOBER DEADLINE ARTICLES Please submit your articles as a Word attachment to kschiller@igc.org. No late submissions will be accepted.</div>			
		• 6:30pm Children's Education Board					

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THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SHABBAT	
27 Elul	5	28 Elul	6 Erev Rosh Hashanah	29 Elul	7 Rosh Hashanah 1 Tishrei
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:13 pm Candle Lighting • 7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanna Services at Herbst Theatre 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Rosh Hashanna Services at Herbst Theatre
5 Tishrei	12	6 Tishrei	13	7 Tishrei	14 Shabbat Shuvah Deut. 32:1-52 8 Tishrei
Grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm Va'ad Meeting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pm Tenderloin Seniors Lunch • 6:03 pm Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel Damiel Chesir and Ilana Rainero de Haan 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am Torah Study • 9:30 am Kadimah • 10 am Shabbat Services led by Daniel Chesir
12 Tishrei	19	13 Tishrei	20 Erev Sukkot	14 Tishrei	21 Sukkot 15 Tishrei
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19 Tishrei	26	20 Tishrei	27 Last Day of Sukkot 21 Tishrei	28	Simchat Torah 22 Tishrei
ah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting • 7 pm Introduction to Judaism 		<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Simchat Torah Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:41 pm Candle Lighting • 7:30 pm Consecration of Children and Zemirot • 8:15 pm Shabbat Services 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am Torah Study • 9:30 am Kadimah • 10 am Shabbat Services • 10:30 am Tot Shabbat

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EAST BAY SERVICES

Sunday, September 22, 5 PM

The East Bay Havurah will be gathering to celebrate Sukkot and to plan for the coming year. Please join us and bring a vegetarian potluck dish, decorations for the Sukkah and lots of ideas for 5763. We will be gathering at the home of Jeanette Nichols, 3865 Forrest Hill Ave, Oakland (510/531-4885)

July Va'ad Meeting

Lisa Katz nominated Ron Edelman to fill the Va'ad vacancy left by Ben Bank's resignation. We welcomed Ron by unanimous vote.

Arthur Slepian delivered the d'var Torah on Parashat D'varim. He pointed to the centrality of words to our tradition — in creation and in the revelation of commandments. He recommended *Paradise Park*, a novel of spiritual quest by Allegra Goodman. In the book, a visiting dancing teacher objected that her students didn't know the first thing about dancing. A rabbi counseled her to teach dance, and the rabbi would teach her the words she needed to know. Arthur concluded that we are all teachers and students, that we must make CSZ a place of comfort for people with all levels of learning.

Kesher Committee Chair Marianne Balin delivered the Membership Committee report. She proposed that the Va'ad approve new members by email between meetings, to avoid delays. We unanimously approved the proposal, through the High Holidays.

Membership Committee Chair Tony Harris reminded us that Va'ad members are ambassadors who should look for visitors and new members, introduce them to people and connect them with committees of interest. He encouraged us to educate people as to why it's important to become a member. We can help retain members by connecting them to the community.

Director of Children's and Family Education Sue Bojdak sent the Educator's report. The Family Retreat was terrific. Thanks to all the people who made the event such a positive experience. Sue attended the Whizin Institute on Jewish Family Education, and is looking forward to putting some new ideas into practice.

Vice President Jeff Sherman reported that the Personnel Committee is soliciting questions and topics for the interview of Executive Director candidates. In terms of process, some Va'ad members will meet the primary candidates. The Personnel Committee selects the

Adult Education

Poetry, Prose and Midrash: A Writing Workshop on Genesis
Tuesdays, October 1 – November 19, 7-9 pm

Beginning October 1, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and Lehrhaus Judaica will co-sponsor "Poetry, Prose and Midrash: A Writing Workshop on Genesis," taught by CSZ member Dan Bellm.

This class is for writers at all levels of experience who are interested in combining weekly Torah study with their own creative expression through poetry and/or prose. The class will focus on the practice of developing and writing one's own midrashim — commentaries and legends — in response to the weekly

cycle of Torah readings. In eight weeks, students will work with the first eight portions of Genesis: Bereishit through Vayishlach. Each session will combine Torah discussion, in-class writing exercises and looking at examples of how other poets and writers have responded to these Biblical texts. Students will be encouraged to work on poems, stories or other pieces between sessions, and to keep a Torah study journal.

To register, please call Lehrhaus Judaica (510/845-6420).

Introduction to Judaism

Thursdays, September 19 – December 19, 7 pm – 8:45 pm

Do you want to know more about Reform Judaism? "Introduction to Judaism" is a great opportunity for adults to learn about the beauty of Reform Judaism and Jewish life. This class is for anyone curious about the basic principles and practices of Judaism. This community-

wide class will be held at Sha'ar Zahav and is offered by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. For more information or to register, please contact Meredith MacDonald (415/392-7080, ext. 17 or mmacdonald@uahc.org).

Prayerbook Hebrew I

Tuesdays, October 1 – December 17
6:30 – 8 pm

This fall, join fellow CSZers for Prayerbook Hebrew I. We will be learning the basics of reading, writing and speaking Hebrew. This twelve-session class will be taught by Liat Barnea, who has taught Hebrew at UC Berkeley and at other synagogues in the Bay Area. This is a great chance to be able to read Torah before Chanukah! Classes will meet at CSZ. Cost for members is \$75 plus the cost of the textbook, cost for non-members is \$125 plus the cost of the textbook. To register or for more information, please contact Melanie Kushnir (415/861-6932, ext. 305, or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org).

individual; the President signs the contract.

Lisa Katz delivered the President's report. The Va'ad liaison to committees should be proactive and help to integrate the work of the congregation. Lisa intends to ask for presentations from committee chairs to let us know what the committees are doing.

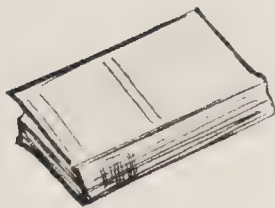
Easy Hebrew Calligraphy

Thursdays, October 10, 17 and 24
6:30 – 8 pm

Join the Art Shabbaton and Adult Education Committees for this fun, creative three-session workshop led by Jeanette Nichols and Barbara Cymrot. Learn how to artistically write the Hebrew alphabet and use it decoratively. We will be creating greeting cards and a variety of other pieces of artwork using Hebrew calligraphy. No artistic ability or knowledge of Hebrew is necessary! This will be a great time for anyone twelve years old and up who wants to create with the beauty of the Hebrew alphabet. Cost for CSZ members is \$10 to cover materials. Cost for nonmembers is \$30 plus the materials fee. For more information and to register, please contact Melanie Kushnir at (415/861-6932, ext. 305, or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org).

We unanimously agreed to continue the half-price introductory dues program for a second year, so that we can collect data on new member retention rates as a result of the program.

Rabbi Angel reported that Sinai Memorial Chapel needs people to guard bodies before burial. This is holy work.



Rabbi Angel's Recommended Reading

Agnon, S.Y. *Days of Awe: A Treasury of Traditions, Legends and Learned Commentaries Concerning Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the Days Between*. Shoken Books, Inc.

Elkins, Dov Peretz, ed. *Moments of Transcendence: Inspirational Readings for Rosh Hashanah*. Jason Aronson Inc.

Hoffman, Lawrence A. *Gates of Understanding 2: Appreciating the Days of Awe*. Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Kravitz, Leonard S. and Kerry M. Olitzky, eds. *The Journey of the Soul: Traditional Sources on Teshuvah*. Jason Aronson Inc.

Strassfeld, Michael. *The Jewish Holidays: A Guide and Commentary*. Harper & Row Publishers.

Olitzky, Kerry M. and Rachel T. Sabath. *Preparing your Heart for the High Holy Days: A Guided Journal*. Jewish Publication Society.

Members' Yahrzeits

- 1 John Golebowski
- 5 Bernard Pechter
- 15 David Pierce
- 18 Penny Dachinger
- 19 Gershon Lieberman
- 22 Frank Hyman
- 25 Jeffrey Lewish Cohen
- 27 Drew Siegel

The Meaning of Power and the Power of Meaning

by Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

Power is meaning. So wrote Moroccan feminist sociologist Fatima Mernissi: "Societies die of loss of identity, that is, a disturbance in the guiding system of representations of oneself as fitting into a universe that is specifically ordered so as to make life meaningful. Why do we need our lives to make sense? Because that's where power is."

On Rosh Hashanah, we celebrate the power to create meaning when we ritually hail the Ruler of Creation, and when we heed the call to teshuvah (return, repentance).

In repeating the ancient liturgy's claim that "God is Sovereign," we recognize the power that creates, energizes and orders the physical universe, our context and matrix. In undertaking teshuvah, we seek within ourselves the power to re-order our moral and social selves, our ability to create a meaningful life.

The paradox of these Days of Awe lies in the tension between, on the one hand, our insignificance compared to the sweep and depth of the universe that produced us and, on the other, the call to feel ourselves powerful.

Teshuvah requires that we acknowledge our power, our misuse of it and the need to redirect it. At the dawn of 5763, this task can seem especially daunting. This past year we as Jews have been far too often accused of possessing and misusing enormous power; meanwhile we have felt overwhelmed by tragic and horrible events. More than ever, we experience ourselves as dust and ashes. How can we make a difference in the coming year?

To begin with, let us remember that Judaism is a very old civilization, enriched by the struggles, defeats and triumphs of countless lives. It survives only because it is consonant with human nature.

As nature abhors a vacuum, human nature abhors a power-vacuum. Whether it seems possible now or not, we will seek meaning through the exercise of power during the coming year. We can't help it.

Humans are social animals. The meaning of our lives is in our ability to affect the people and world around us. Those who can make no difference to their world experience their lives as meaningless. Therefore, when helpless we seek meaning even in helplessness.

People with incurable medical conditions make their suffering meaningful by enrolling in studies that might lead to others someday being spared. We speak of giving meaning to the ultimate helplessness, death, by carrying on projects that were important to the deceased or by defending others from future similar deaths. Thus Daniel Pearl, Polly Klaas and Amber Schwartz-Garcia are now the names of foundations; thus funerals become political protests.

These strategies allow us to wrest meaning from powerlessness by seeking out opportunities for agency. These are acts of teshuvah, finding the sparks of potential in the ruined areas of life, turning from helplessness to action.

Fated as we are to turn towards the exercise of power, we can easily adopt strategies of cruelty: self-righteous satisfaction in the suffering of others, spirals of blame, justifications of torture. We can commit ourselves to repeating comforting illusions of peace and reconciliation as if repetition could bring them into reality.

Some powerless people adopt a strategy of finding meaning through the active pursuit of suffering, which otherwise would be inflicted on them against their wills. This psychology, long engrained in some varieties of both Judaism and Islam, undoubtedly helps to fuel current Jewish and Arab politics.

Rosh Hashanah, despite its many reminders of our mortality, does not let us rest in the illusion of powerlessness, pretending we have no strength. It reminds us that we are created in the image of the All-Powerful. It tells us to turn towards our highest values, and let them guide the efforts that we must and will make to create meaning in the coming year.

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Daveners and Doers

Randy Weiss

By Prudence Carter

Randy Weiss, a professional violinist and assistant concertmaster for the San Jose Symphony, helps keep the beauty of music alive in our shul. During this interview, Randy describes how the shul has enriched his and his partner Craig Shear's lives with a sense of purpose, stability, belonging and community.

Jewish Gaily Forward (JGF): Randy, tell us about yourself.

Let's start with the basics; do you want to know about Randy the homosexual, the Jew, the runner, the skier or the violinist? Or just the basics — I was born in Lima, Ohio, raised Conservatively and Reform, then bar mitzvahed in Orlando, went to school in Louisville and discovered Sha'ar Zahav while I was in Victoria, British Columbia.

JGF: Discovered us in BC... how?

I had visited San Francisco in 1981 and came to a Friday night service after having Shabbat dinner with Irene Ogus, Nancy Meyer, Aaron Cooper and Kurt Stutzman in Berkeley. When I went back to BC I told everyone that I had gone to a gay shul named "Strange Gate (Sha'ar Zar)." The rabbi at the BC shul was not exactly wild that I was gay; after all, as a Cohan, I was supposed to have children and, well, you know the rest. I moved to the "Golden Gate" in 1981. At first, I wasn't working much, so I attended shul regularly and began to reconnect with Judaism.

JGF: How did you end up becoming so involved in life at CSZ?

In 1985, I played a concert with my colleague, Patti Whaley, to raise money for CSZ. Since music is my first love, and the violin is traditional in Jewish music, there is a love and respect for musicians in Jewish culture. I had the skills and talent to produce music so that is how I first became involved at CSZ. For nine years, three colleagues and I played



every month at the CSZ Kaiser brunches for AIDS patients and volunteers. At some point, Jonathan Funk invited me to the bimah, initiating a CSZ tradition of instrumental musical enhancements to our services. Subsequently, José Luis Moscovich wrote pieces for the High Holidays Ensemble and included violin parts.

JGF: And how did your spiritual side evolve?

Four years ago, I began studying Biblical Hebrew. I joined the Ritual Committee, where Nicole Bloom mentored me. Being on the bimah at CSZ, co-leading services the first time, was remarkable — a truly ineffable experience. Nicole had prepared me so thoroughly that I could even enjoy the experience. And my mother was in shul that evening, visiting from Florida. At the same time, a friend's daughter was being bat mitzvahed at another shul and she asked me to chant Torah. Learning to chant Torah in two months...well, why not?

JGF: What does the CSZ community mean to you?

The community has meant different things at different times. It began as a place to come on Friday nights so as not to be alone, to meet someone and to be with other Jews. Then coming to CSZ became a political statement. As the UAHC and the Reform movement began gingerly accepting LGBT synagogues, I told unaffiliated queer Jews, "Look, you don't have to come to shul, but join

us anyway because we need your numbers to be truly accepted." My involvement increased when I began playing music at shul, and I finally felt like a contributing member of the community. As I became more interested in the liturgical, ritual and spiritual side of Judaism, the community changed again, and became even more important to me.

JGF: What are the greatest sources of joy at CSZ for you?

The fact that everyone participates at services is so great. And I love seeing all the kids at shul — kids being raised with a "queer sensibility" — how cool is that?!

JGF: What is your advice to someone who wants to become involved?

There is an opportunity for everyone to contribute at CSZ. Find something that interests you and volunteer. It doesn't matter whether you're loud and gregarious, or quiet and shy — the shul needs all of us.



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For the past year, Marc Wernick has done an extraordinary job of writing the "Daveners and Doers" column. The congregation deeply appreciates all that Marc has done to recognize the people who contribute so much of themselves to our community. I wish to personally thank Marc for his kind and generous support as the work of writing this column transitioned to me. Thank you from everyone at CSZ! — Prudence

THE ISRAEL COMMITTEE

Deepening our community's connection to the people, culture, history and land of Israel

This summer, several CSZ members visited Israel to attend the World Congress of GLBT Jews. Israel Committee member Michael Sarid shares his reflections on that trip in this excerpt from a long letter he wrote to friends:

I recently returned from a three-week journey to Israel, that tiny, troubled strip of land in the desert that occupies such an important place in our thoughts and prayers. It was so valuable for me to see the many real faces of Israel that lie behind all the sensationalist news reports. Believe it or not, Israelis get up every morning, brush their teeth, take their kids to school, go to work, ride the buses, sit in cafes, fall in love, make vacation plans for next year and occasionally even die of natural causes!

Israelis have, of course, been deeply affected by the last two years of terrorism. I met people who witnessed terrorist attacks or who knew others who had been killed in them. Everyone seems to have had a "close call," "it could've been me," "it's a good thing I missed my bus that day" story to tell. But the Israelis are NOT a terrorized or demoralized people. No one is huddling in the basement or hiding under the covers. Life does go on, as it must. It's hard for us to appreciate, but Israelis have faced many terrible times through the years. Not to minimize their suffering, but the fact is most people feel that this is just another tough spell they're going through.

I found evidence of conflict and coexistence, hatred and love, all jumbled up together. I spoke with a young Israeli Arab man wearing a pro-Israel t-shirt. I saw men in yarmulkes marching in the gay pride parade. I saw an Ethiopian gentleman walking down the street in full Hasidic garb, with black hat and coat. I saw Hebrew graffiti that said "kill the Arabs," "kill the homos," "peace now" and "make love not war." Riding a bus, I overheard three different cell phone rings beep out three different Hasidic melodies simultaneously. I watched a pierced, tattooed, Palestinian drag queen perform a bellydance, right in my face. Yes, Israel is an incredible place!

The highlight of my trip was Jerusalem, a

place that simply feels holy. The Old City in particular, with all its ancient colors, sounds, smells, is overflowing with beauty and historical echoes that are all struggling to be heard by anyone making their way down its narrow alleyways. Yet evidence of the present crisis was everywhere. If you've been there, you'll remember the crowded Arab souk (market), where you were no doubt pushed, shoved, jostled and shouted at by throngs of tourists and shoppers. Now, you and a few persistent shop owners are literally the only ones there. While downtown Jerusalem is not a ghost town, it certainly wasn't the bustling city it once was.

The Israel GLBT Pride Parade in Tel-Aviv was so liberating; it was simply the place to be for Israelis of all sexual orientations. Many mainstream politicians came to speak at the kick off rally, showing that the gay community has finally come into its own politically. The organizers estimated a crowd of over 100,000, the biggest attendance ever, which is partly explained, I believe, by a palpable need to celebrate, to dance in the streets, after such a troubling, stressful year. To celebrate anything — it didn't matter what.

Toward the end of my trip, I attended the World Congress of GLBT Jews at Kibbutz Giv'at Haviva. Over 250 people attended, including about 40 from outside Israel. I met a Reconstructionist rabbi from Philadelphia, a community activist from Mexico City, an Arab physician from a village in the Galilee and an Israeli octogenarian who told us tales of gay life during the British Mandate. There were workshops on Israeli lesbian literature, "Sex in the City" (of Tel Aviv!), being a gay rabbi, gay youth suicide and the

workshop I co-led on LGBTs in positions of leadership in mainstream Jewish organizations. Throughout, it was clear that CSZ has had a profound impact on the worldwide LGBT Jewish movement. "You're from Sha'ar Zahav? Wow!" was a common refrain.

The most interesting workshop was the one led by gay Israeli Arabs, describing their lives. We learned how gays and lesbians tend to lead "double lives" in Israeli Arab society, hiding their identity in their oppressive home environments but coming out among their friends in Tel Aviv. The Agudah, the umbrella LGBT organization in Israel, offers counseling, activities and an AIDS hotline in both Hebrew and Arabic, with an active Arabic-speaking group that meets regularly. The presenters told us how important it was for them to belong to such a group, where both their gayness and their Arab culture could be validated, and how blessed they felt to live in the only country in the Middle East that offered a safe space for gay Arabs simply to be themselves. Asked whether they experienced any tension or friction with their gay Jewish Israeli counterparts, they replied that they hadn't come to the Agudah to argue politics. "We've chosen to focus on the things that unite us, rather than those that divide us," they told us.

Words to live by. If only all parties in the Arab-Israeli conflict could hear and heed this message! All in all, it was a trip I will never forget.

For more information about the Israel Committee, please contact co-chairs Steve Mazer (smazer@attglobal.net) or Miki Goralsky (Goralsky@aol.com).

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Ari Rosenberg and Dana Katz
Terry Fletcher and Glen Hauer
David Wasserman
Julia Bloomfield

Steve Berlin (Welcome back!)
Frances Sturtevant
Malcolm Haar
Scott Rutherford
Phyllis Schneider

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

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Lisa Katz

- in honor of Richard Stanley entering into the Covenant.
- in honor of Lea Minnie Goralsky Cohen.
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- in honor of Nora Down's becoming bat mitzvah.
- in memory of Marvin Sinkoff.
- in memory of Myrtle Wexler.



Oneg and Flower Sponsorship

- * 7/5 Flowers by **Jonathan Funk** in honor of his parents' visit and his mother's birthday.
- * 7/5 Oneg by **James Carlson** in honor of the Funk family.
- * 7/12 Flowers by the **Littauer Steele** Family.
- * 7/26 Flowers by **Larime and Mary Stuart Stanley** in honor of the welcoming of Richard Stanley into the covenant.
- * 7/26 Oneg by **Eve Cohen** in honor of the welcoming of Richard Stanley into the covenant.
- * 8/10 Oneg by **Jack and Jayne Goralsky** in honor of the birth of Leah Minnie Goralsky Cohen.
- * 8/16 Oneg by **Keith Barton and Steven Rosenberg** in honor of the 20th anniversary of their meeting at CSZ.
- * 8/23 Flowers by **Debbie Levy** in honor of Josh Levy's Bar Mitzvah.
- * 8/23 Oneg by **Lisa DiGirolamo** and Janet Klein.

September Anniversaries

- 1 Jeffrey Rubin and Frank Bush
- 4 Alan Michels and Laureen Kim
- 4 Deborah Udin and Lucy Cefalu
- 13 Sara and Devra Felder Noily
- 18 Judith Klain and Pam Shimizu
- 19 Richard Inlander and Ben Schalit
- 23 Miriam Trentman and Robert Morelli
- 30 Susan Unger and Pam Erwin

Jeni Markowitz Completes Fellowship

Former Kadimah teacher Jeni Markowitz brought formalized family education to Sha'ar Zahav when she became involved in a three-year family education fellowship at the Bureau of Jewish Education. This rigorous program, combining study and practice, created the opportunity for San Francisco Bay Area Jewish educators to become experts in creating and delivering family education programs to the Jewish community. As Jeni's sponsoring site, Sha'ar Zahav became the laboratory for her experimentation, which led to new leadership in baby and tot programming, the creation of a monthly family component for our entering Kadimah class, our monthly Family Kabbalat Shabbat program and the re-creation of the Family Retreat. Jeni's creativity and vision, combined with the energy and enthusiasm of our parents and kids, made for a terrific start towards institutionalizing family education at Sha'ar Zahav. While Jeni is not continuing on our staff, the seeds she has planted will continue to grow and flower as we develop new family programs for b'nei mitzvah students, engage our entire Kadimah staff in family education training, and continue our dialogue about what makes a family and how to engage the whole family of Sha'ar Zahav in the education of our future. Mazel tov to Jeni on her accomplishment and many thanks for her contributions to our community.

Condolences

- Susan Schwartz, on the death of her friend, Sheldon Leicher.
- Michael Bettinger and Robert Goldstein, on the death of their aunt, Blanche Rosen.
- Lisa Szer, on the death of her friend, Muriel Cohen.
- Patricia Lin, on the death of her former professor, Jim Kettner.
- Phyllis and George Mintzer, on the death of their friend, Nettie Elliot.
- Richard Sinkoff, on the death of his father, Marvin Wolfe Sinkoff.
- Lucy Bernholz, on the death of her uncle, Marvin Wolfe Sinkoff.
- Lisa Lubchansky, on the death of her grandmother, Bessie Lubchansky.

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Gail Ludwig and Clarissa Kripke

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-in honor of Arthur Slepian, Claudia Bernard, James Carlson and Lisa Katz for their leadership and facilitation at the Advance.

-in honor of Mike Bromberg and Ken Repp's one-year anniversary.

-in honor of Tony Harris and Mark Gershman's engagement.

-in honor of Sharon Heath and Lisa Katz on Sharon's adoption of Miriam and Rose.

Rami Harel Kripke-Ludwig

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13	Paul Margolis
13	Eva Rosenbaum
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19	Rebecca Goldfader
19	Lisa Hamburger
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20	Mark Klaiman
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20	Rachel Timoner
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-in loving memory of Charles Crane and Rose Rudman.

Allan Berenstein

-in honor of the birth of Melanie Kushnir's niece, Jessica Lilly Diamond.

Nancy Meyer

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- To **Amanda Littauer and Laura Steele**, on the naming of their daughter, Zoe Renee Littauer Steele.
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